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SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

President Obama Issues Executive Order on Sustainability

On March 19, President Obama issued an executive order (E.O.) aimed at maintaining federal leadership in sustainability. [Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade](#) (E.O. 13693) will serve as the roadmap for ensuring federal agencies incorporate sustainable design into building infrastructure, reduce facility energy and water use, increase the use of renewable energy, and reduce fleet-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Order specifically revokes past sustainability-related E.O.s, including E.O. 13514 and E.O. 13423, while setting new targets for GHGs, energy and water use intensity, high performance sustainable buildings (HPSB), and fleet, among other goal areas.

Agency-level implementation for DOE will remain consistent with established processes. DOE will prepare the annual greenhouse gas inventory and strategic sustainability performance plan (SSPP) to assess progress and chart a path towards goal attainment. Site-level implementation will be modified to reflect the new requirements. The SPO will revise instructions for site sustainability plans (SSP) and other annual reporting as additional federal guidance is received.

Please direct questions on this new E.O. to Sustainability Performance Office at sustainability@hq.doe.gov.

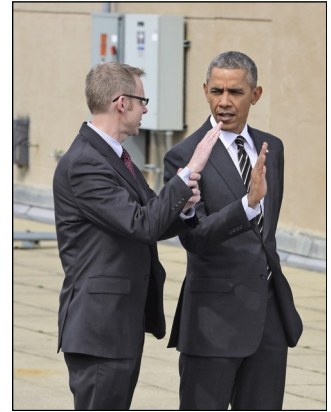
Important Updates to SPO Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) recently announced several important updates to the SPO Funding Opportunity Announcement (SPOFOA). The SPOFOA Financial Assistance Notice has been updated to provide clarification in response to applicant feedback. SPOFOA will provide up to 50 percent of total project costs as soon as award negotiations are completed to provide additional flexibility in optimizing co-funding and project implementation. The program's application deadline has also been extended to April 17, 2015. In addition, a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document addressing subjects of common inquiry has been posted to the [SPOFOA webpage](#).

SPOFOA was announced in January 2015 to offer financial assistance to DOE sites and promote compliance with federally-mandated sustainability requirements, including goals on the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) [Sustainability and Energy Scorecard](#). All DOE sites and national laboratories are eligible to receive funding under the program. There are no technical restrictions attached to funding availability; any project that has potential to increase Departmental compliance with sustainability goals and requirements will be considered.

For more information, visit the [SPOFOA webpage](#) or email SPOFOA@hq.doe.gov.

SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR



Eric Haukdal, DOE Headquarters' Energy Manager, has championed several successful energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at the Forrestal and Germantown facilities. During a recent visit to DOE, Eric led President Obama on a tour of Forrestal's rooftop solar array.

Send us your superstar!



SPO Announces 2014 DOE Sustainability Awards Winners On March 23, the SPO announced the winners of the 2014 Sustainability Awards. The winning projects and programs have helped DOE make significant progress toward its sustainability objectives. A [special edition of the SPOTlight newsletter](#) highlights the 2014 winners. Please visit the [DOE Sustainability Awards webpage](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES

Apr 14: [Data Center Profiler Tool Training](#)

Apr 17: [SPOFOA Application Deadline](#)

Apr 22: [Spring FUPWG Seminar](#)

ON-DEMAND TRAINING

Certifications

[GSA-Sponsored LEED Training Certification for Federal Employees](#)

Financing

[ESPCs for Small Sites](#)

[UESCs and Energy Project Funds](#)

[Energy Savings Performance Contracting](#)

[Measurement and Verification in ESPCs](#)

Buildings

[Guiding Principles For HPSB](#)

[Commissioning for Federal Facilities](#)

[Operations, Maintenance, and Commissioning](#)

[Implementing Deep Retrofits](#)

[Building Automation Systems for Existing Federal Facilities](#)

Water

[Water Efficiency Planning and Implementation](#)

[Stormwater Management & Water Conservation](#)

Data Centers

[Data Center Efficiency with ASHRAE Thermal Guidelines](#)

Fleet

[Complying with the EPA's Section 701 Requirements](#)

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2015 Energy Efficiency Exchange Promotes Sustainability Training

The Energy Efficiency Exchange 2015 (August 11-13, 2015 in Phoenix, AZ) will provide training to employees of civilian and military agencies who are responsible for building operations, energy management, and sustainability. The Exchange will offer training sessions in ten different tracks, including *Agency Energy Manager*, *Building Performance*, and *Project Financing*.



For more information on the event, including schedules, topics, and registration details, please visit: <http://energy.gov/eere/femp/energy-efficiency-exchange-2015>.

In addition, please mark your calendars for a special SPO-sponsored DOE sustainability meeting on Thursday, August 13. The meeting is open to DOE site and national laboratory representatives. Please stay tuned for additional information.

DOE, Native American Tribes Expand Renewable Energy Deployment

DOE recently announced a partnership with 11 tribal communities to expand renewable energy and efficiency technologies. Through the partnership, DOE will provide approximately \$6 million to Indian Tribes and Alaska Native villages to implement clean energy options that will reduce fossil fuel use and save money. The Department's funding is expected to be cost-shared by the tribes with nearly \$7.5 million, raising the total investment value to nearly \$13.5 million. DOE's Office of Indian Energy and the Tribal Energy Program promote tribal energy sufficiency and foster economic development and employment on tribal lands through the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. For more information on these programs, visit [The Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs](#).

To view the list of funded projects, please visit: <http://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-selects-11-tribal-communities-deploy-energy-efficiency-and-renewable>.

2015 GreenGov Presidential Awards Now Accepting Nominations

On April 6, the Office of Federal Sustainability opened the nomination process for the White House Council on Environmental Quality's 2015 GreenGov Presidential Awards.



The annual GreenGov awards celebrate extraordinary achievement in the pursuit of President Obama's Executive Order on Federal Sustainability. The GreenGov Presidential Awards honor exceptional Federal personnel, teams, projects and facilities, and programs that exemplify President Obama's charge to lead by example in sustainability. Please note: only federal civilian and military personnel are eligible to participate. The Awards nomination submission period will close on May 22.

More information on the awards, including category descriptions and submission instructions, please visit: <https://www.fedcenter.gov/opportunities/awards/greengovpresidentialawards/>.



Check out CEQ's latest GreenGov Leader newsletter: <https://www.fedcenter.gov/assistance/newsletters/greengovleader/>